

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-8 (canceled)

9. (presently amended) ~~The~~A circular optical disc manufactured by the method of:

providing a substrate with a first surface and a periphery;
and

providing a coating on the first surface by applying a liquid, rotating the substrate, and solidifying the liquid; and wherein:

when applying the liquid onto the first surface, the substrate is present in a separate extension body;

the extension body has substantially circumferentially contact with the periphery of the substrate;

the extension body has a surface substantially flush with the first surface of the substrate;

~~after at least partial~~substantial solidification of the liquid, the extension body and the substrate are separated; and

the substrate is substantially free from optical birefringence in a few mm broad peripheral zone.

10. (new) A circular optical disc manufactured by the method of:
providing a substrate with a first surface and a periphery;
and
providing a coating on the first surface by applying a liquid,
rotating the substrate, and solidifying the liquid; and wherein:
when applying the liquid onto the first surface, the substrate
is present in a separate extension body;
the extension body has substantially circumferentially contact
with the periphery of the substrate;
the extension body has a surface substantially flush with the
first surface of the substrate;
after substantial solidification of the liquid, the extension
body and the substrate are separated; and
the physical properties of the coating indicate that it was
formed by solidification during rotation.

11. (new) A circular optical disc manufactured by the method of:
providing a substrate with a first surface and a periphery;
and
providing a coating on the first surface by applying a liquid,
rotating the substrate, and solidifying the liquid; and wherein:
when applying the liquid onto the first surface, the substrate

is present in a separate extension body;

the extension body having substantially circumferentially contact with the periphery of the substrate;

the extension body having a surface substantially flush with the first surface of the substrate;

after substantial solidification of the liquid, the extension body and the substrate are separated; and

the physical properties of the coating indicate that it was separated from the extension body after the substantial solidification.

12. (new) The optical disc of claim 9 wherein, a material of the coating is solidifiable by exposure to UV light.

13. (new) The optical disc of claim 10 wherein, a material of the coating is solidifiable by exposure to UV light.

14. (new) The optical disc of claim 11 wherein, a material of the coating is solidifiable by exposure to UV light.

15. (new) The optical disc of claim 9 wherein the substantial solidification being sufficient so that the separation breaks coating off at the periphery of the substrate.

16. (new) The optical disc of claim 9 wherein the substantial solidification is sufficient so that the separation releases coating from the extension body.